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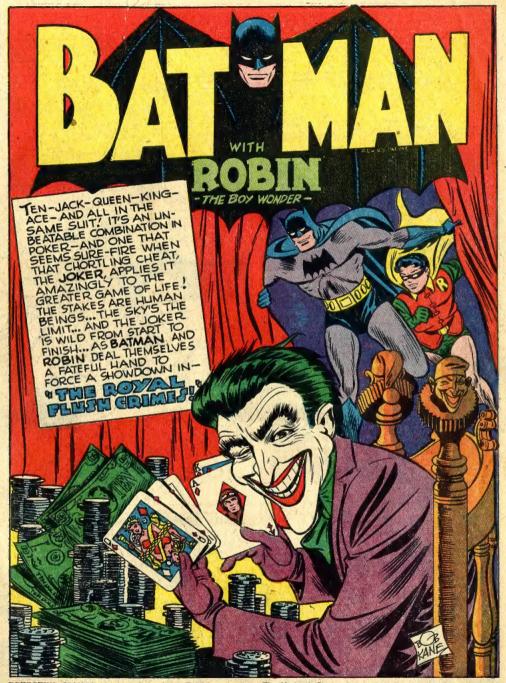
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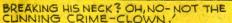
















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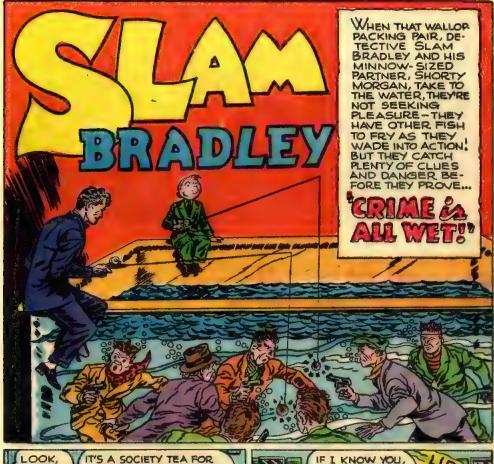
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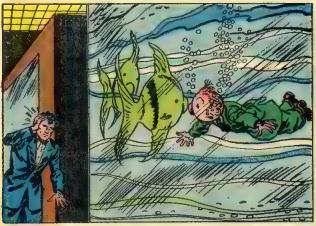






















































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SMALL CRIME

by Pace Cummings

can't figure this one out," Captain Neely of the Burglary Squad said, "so I'll throw it right into your lap, Bartly."

Lieutenant Bartly looked stolidly at his superior. "I know! I know!" he said. "All of a sudden we've got a rash of new robberies. But it's just like chasing a will-o'-the-wisp, Cap. As I was saying to Mrs. Bartly last night, while I was minding Mrs. Madden's new baby—"

Neely smiled, waved his hand. "If you spent more time tracking down crooks and less in minding children, Bartly, maybe we'd be able to stop these periodic crime waves." He banged a hand down on the desk. "Hang it all, man! We've worked together a good many years. But that isn't going to keep the Commissioner from transferring both of us to the sticks if we don't do something. How any jeweler can lose diamonds and not know how they were taken is beyond me."

"Me, too." Bartly scratched his leonine head. A good cop, Bartly had been on the force some thirty years. But these last two had really been hectic. Just about this time last year a wave of jewel robberies had broken out, then stopped as suddenly as they started. Now they were off again.

Bartly got to his feet. "Well, I'll keep the boys on their toes, Neely," he said. "I'll look in on them now."

There was good-natured scorn on Neely's face. "Then you're probably taking six more kids to the circus today."

The flush on Bartly's cheek signified a bull'seye. "Now who's been talking?" he joked weakly. "I don't think that's nice, Cap, not nice at all."

Neely grinned, pulled a twenty from his wallet. He knew all about Bartly. He and his wife were childless, yet they loved children. And not a circus day went by that Bartly didn't take a group of orphans to the big show. "Here,

treat the kids for me, and enjoy yourself, but don't forget this crime wave."

Uppermost in Bartly's mind was the crime wave, as he sat in the circus an hour later surrounded by excited and adoring kids. But he turned his attention to the current act. It was a knife-throwing exhibition. A tall, saturnine man threw the gleaming blades at a smiling girl, outlining her against a wooden board. The kids howled with glee, particularly when a tiny clown kept blundering into the act and having the knives narrowly miss him.

Bartly leaned back, turned his attention from the show to the kids. He got a big kick out of watching his young guests' reactions.

When the performance was over, he availed himself of the privilege of his badge and took his guests backstage.

This was the part of his hosting Bartly liked best. The bareback riders, aerialists, lion tamers, all were cordial to him. The knife thrower was new, having come into the show only a week ago. Bartly, looking for the midget clown, spoke to the man. "I'm Bartly, of the Police Department," he said. He was surrounded by his entourage of six starry-eyed striplings. "These lads would like to meet the tiny clown."

"Midge ain't here," the man said dourly. Then, suddenly, he reached over and shoved two of the small boys accompanying Bartly. The children had just touched his knife cases. "Keep your hands off there," he shouted.

Bartly, with speed born of years of practice, deftly pulled the offending youngsters out of the man's range. "They're not meaning any harm, Mr. Stilleto," he said. "They're just kids."

The man glowered at him. He started to say something, but his partner, the young blonde girl said: "Stop it, Frank. The officer's right." Then, turning to Bartly, she said, "Just the same, we don't like kids around the dressing room. They might get hurt."

Bartly's face flushed. "Okay, mum. I'll get them out. C'mon kids, let's go and see the animals"

It was a tired sextette of happy children that Bartly brought back to the orphanage a couple of hours later. He barely made it in time to go on duty.

On Thursday nights, in Martinsville, the stores were opened. Bartly had decided to circulate around, try to get a line on the thieves. Walking along, his thoughts returned to the one unpleasant moment of his day—the Stiletto incident . . And in the same instant he noticed a man pushing a baby carriage down the street—and the man was none other than Stilleto! With him was his blonde partner. "She must be his wife," Bartly figured. "Funny he doesn't like kids if he's got one himself."

He raised his hat as the couple came abreast of him. It was the girl who recognized Bartly. She smiled, said, "Hello, officer."

Bartly blocked her progress unintentionally.

"Sorry," he said apologetically. Then: "Bad time for shopping, Thursday night stores are jammed."

The girl flashed a winsome smile at him. "I know," she said, "but when Frank insisted on getting me an anniversary present, why I just couldn't wait."

"An anniversary, is it?" said Be ly delightedly. "Well, that's fine. Allow me to-"

"Come on, Marge," Stilleto said, "we haven't got all night. Thanks, Officer."

Bartly's eyes followed them down the street. "Now that's a nice girl," he said, "but a grouchy fellow. He probably hates everything and everybody." He watched them park the baby carriage in front of Blake's Jewelry store.

Bartly shrugged. Probably getting her a diamond. He didn't seem like the kind who'd care that much for anybody but himself, but maybe he was wrong about the man. Stilleto hitched the baby to his shoulder, then the couple went into the store.

"Well, I'll be a so-and-so," said Bartly indignantly. He. himself, was no father. But he knew how to carry a baby. Indignation taking possession of him, he walked toward the jewelry store.

There were only a few people in the store. In a chair, toward the rear of the store, he saw the baby, It was lying on its back, feet in the air. Stilleto and his wife were talking to a clerk.

Bartly, peering in through the window, blinked. The baby had slipped from the chair and was now crawling toward the rear of the store. He watched it disappear behind a counter. It emerged a few moments later, crawled toward its mother. The blonde turned, saw the child on the floor.

She grasped her husband's arm excitedly, and Bartly could see her agitation. Stilleto ran quickly over, picked up the child. His hand smacked the child a resounding wallop on the rump.

It was too much for Bartly. He rushed into the store, confronted the startled Stilleto. "Let me show you how to handle that baby, mister," he said angrily, reaching for the child.

And then his eyes opened wide in surprise. For diamonds began spilling from beneath the child's garments as he pulled her from the knife thrower's arms. Stilleto and the girl started to run for the door.

Bartly's shot into the ceiling stopped them cold. It also stopped the baby who, breaking all infant records for physical feats, had leaped from Bartly's arms.

"A midget!" Bartly said.

"And so, Captain," said Bartly happily, an hour later, "it pays to know about children. Now would you believe it, there it was right under our noses. This midget, Midge, posed as a child, and would crawl behind the counter and steal the jewelry while Stilleto and the blonde kept the clerks busy." He puffed on the expensive cigar the Commissioner had given him. "I just followed my hunch," he said. "Anybody who has children knows how to lift a baby. The way Stilleto handled his "baby" made me suspicious."

Captain Neely said: "You just keep on minding babies in your off hours, Bartly. I'll never say another word against it!"



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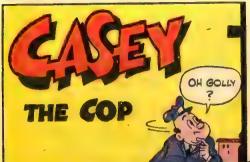
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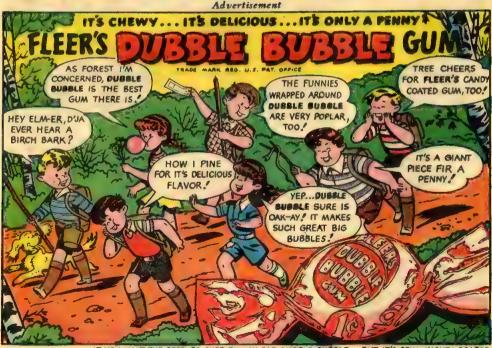






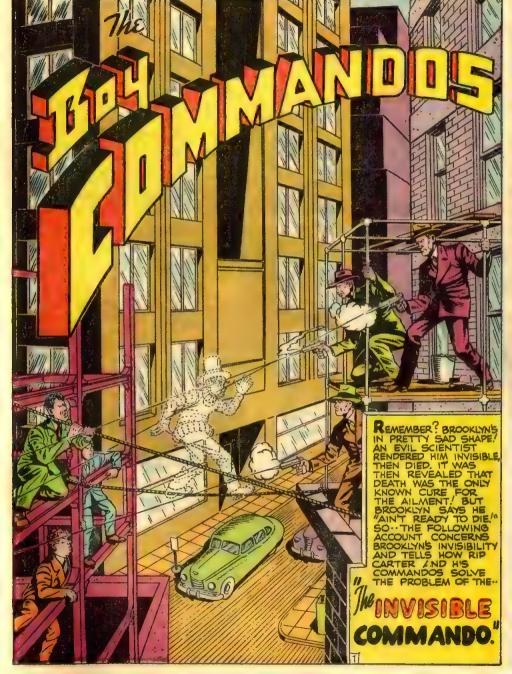














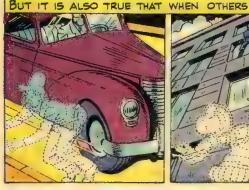






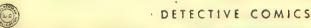






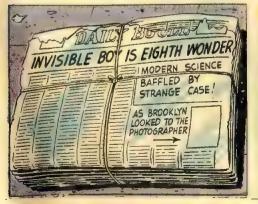






























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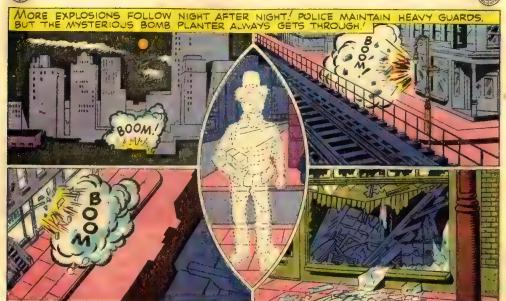
















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